

stimulate new population and could ultimately help turn the city's population loss around.

For years, I have searched for natural ways to increase revenue for the District. My large tax cut bill, the progressive flat tax, is a major leap forward and is still the most important initiative we could take to make the nation's capital thrive on its own. I will soon be announcing a bill to make the entire city an enterprise zone. It will spread citywide the lucrative tax breaks for D.C. businesses I won in the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act.

However, as the city looks for revenue, it must not lose sight of the reality that there can be no permanent increase in revenue without a permanent increase in our population. Investment in housing is the best way to achieve not only a livable city in all eight wards, but a thriving city of taxpaying residents who own their own homes.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation critical to the continued revitalization of the nation's capital.

**WESTERN PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION HONORED ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Western Propane Gas Association on the auspicious occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Western Propane Gas Association has spent the last fifty years breaking down the barriers and building bridges between its members in the West and legislators in California and Washington. From legislative advocacy to economical insurance, its efforts promote industry awareness and provide a great service to their members and to the legislators representing our shared constituency.

Western Propane Gas Association maintains constant communication with state regulatory agencies through its interaction and lobbying. At the state level, WPGA is a pivotal voice at the California Assembly and Senate hearings, presenting the industry position on legislative topics. Through their Government Affairs Committee, WPGA informs its members of valuable federal regulatory alerts, safety bulletins and an industry specific bi-monthly newsletter. WPGA provides its members with professional and knowledgeable assistance on numerous issues that impact the propane industry.

Recently WPGA accepted the responsibility of managing the propane industry's interests in the growing field of Clean Air Alternate Motor Fuels. They assembled a Clean Fuels Task Force to bring their members research, testimony, and technical information from regulatory boards and engine manufacturers. WPGA's leadership in alternative fuel regulations is crucial not only to the success of their members, but also to the safety and preservation of its environment.

In addition to its legislative review and advocacy agenda, the Western Propane Gas Association also provides liaison advisory services to its members. For example, WPGA maintains contacts and facilitates interaction with

statewide organizations such as the California Highway Patrol, the Air Resources Board, The Department of Industrial Safety, and many other local regulatory agencies.

In an industry where change is constant and technology is king, WPGA has taken a leadership role in developing standards for safety and training. The Association holds educational seminars on topics ranging from an Emergency Response Rollover Program and the Certified Employee Training Program to the Gas Check Program. WPGA also brings crucial situation training to its members through its Fire School Seminars. The fast-changing regulations and technologies of the propane and fuel industry needs a membership organization dedicated to upholding the highest standards of safety and service, and WPGA has proven its commitment to its industry and community.

Mr. Speaker, Western Propane Gas Association brings a united, regional voice for local businesses that might otherwise be lost amongst today's regulatory environment. I rise today to commend the organization and its members for their successes and offer my best wishes for the future.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DR. DONALD DIX**

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the enormous accomplishments and contributions made by Dr. Donald Dix of McLean, Virginia, a distinguished public servant who is retiring from the Department of Defense after 18 years of government service.

Dr. Donald M. Dix will retire as Director of the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. During this time, Dr. Dix managed two critical national technology programs—the Integrated High Performance Turbine Engine Technology program and the Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology program.

The Integrated High Performance Turbine Engine Technology (IHPTET) program aims to double the national turbine engine performance capability by the turn of the century. The F-117, B-2, F-15E, F-16C/D, and Tactical Tomahawk are possible because of the leading edge work of the IHPTET.

The objective of the Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology (IHRPT) program is to double the national rocket propulsion capability by 2010. Systems such as the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, X-33, AIM-9X, and Trident D-5 Life Extension are supported by the fine work conducted by the IHRPT.

Dr. Dix's leadership on both of these programs have allowed this country to maintain its edge in these critical technology areas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Donald Dix for his significant contribution toward maintaining this country's national security. I wish him well in his retirement and all of his future endeavors.

**TRIBUTE TO PATRICK, MICHAEL AND SEAMUS DOYLE**

**HON. PAT DANNER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, Peter and Virginia Doyle of Kansas City, Missouri, it is my privilege to bring to your attention the exemplary service of their three sons to the United States Army. Their sons are Major Patrick Doyle, Captain Michael Doyle, and Captain Seamus Doyle.

Major Patrick Doyle was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, in May 1988. He served as Platoon Leader in the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment in Stuttgart, Germany. From there he was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Leader at the United Nations Command Security Force-Joint Security Area, Pan Mun Jom, Korea. His next assignment was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He commanded Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment. He is Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger Qualified.

Major Patrick Doyle is currently assigned as a Foreign Service Officer and has completed Language Training at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio, Monterey, California. He recently completed his Masters degree in National Security Affairs at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey and is now posted at the U.S. Embassy in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Captain Michael Doyle was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve upon graduation from the University of Kansas in May, 1990. While enrolled in the R.O.T.C. program at the University of Kansas, he spent six weeks in Troup Leadership Training in Korea. He attended the Officer's Basic Course at Fort Riley. He has served in various units as Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in both Kansas City, Missouri and Athens, Georgia. He is currently assigned as the S-4 at the 357th Corps Support Battalion in Athens, Georgia. Michael is employed by BellSouth Company as a Market Manager in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his Masters degree in corporate finance from Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Captain Seamus Doyle was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant Artillery Officer upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, in May 1994. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, and is Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger qualified. He was assigned as a Fire Direction Officer and Platoon Leader in the 1st Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division (light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Following the activation of 1-8 FA, he served as the 25th ID(L) Division Current Operations Officer. He is currently assigned as an Installation Plans Officer at Fort Carson, Colorado.

**THE MERRILL S. PARKS, JR., FBI BUILDING**

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will name the soon-

to-be completed Federal Bureau of Investigation building in downtown New Haven in memory of Special Agent Merrill S. Parks, Jr. It is an honor to do so.

Before his untimely death earlier this month, Merrill Parks served as special agent in charge for the State of Connecticut, a post he held since 1994. During his time in New Haven, Special Agent Parks gained the respect and admiration of local law enforcement, and it was at their suggestion, and the urging of those he served most closely within the New Haven FBI office, that the new FBI building bear his name.

During his 30-year career, Special Agent Parks battled organized crime in the FBI's New York Division and worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency in the fight against drugs. Before coming to New Haven in 1994, Parks served with distinction as the Assistant Special Agent in charge of the Houston, TX, division.

It is altogether fitting that agents based in New Haven will work in a building named for a man who exemplified the best in law enforcement. I would also like to include in the RECORD a letter of support from FBI Director Louis J. Freeh and to thank him for his support.

Most of all, I want to pass along my deepest condolences to the family of Special Agent Parks. I hope to see them in New Haven very soon when we officially unveil the Merrill S. Parks, Jr., Federal Building.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. ROSA DELAUNO,  
*House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN DELAUNO: I want to thank you for agreeing to sponsor legislation naming the new federal building that will house the FBI's New Haven Field Office after Merrill S. Parks, Jr. Merrill was, until his recent death, the Special Agent in Charge of the office, and a widely respected member of the local law enforcement community. He had a long and distinguished career with the FBI.

All of us at the FBI support this endeavor. It seems a fitting tribute to an agent who devoted his life to public service and public safety.

I am hoping that your leadership on this matter will ensure its swift passage. From all of us at the FBI, I want to again express our gratitude for your attention to this matter, and your continuing support for law enforcement.

Sincerely yours,  
LOUIS J. FREEH,  
DIRECTOR.

#### HONORING MADELEINE APPEL

#### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Madeleine Appel, who is this year's recipient of the Houston Chapter of the American Jewish Committee's Helene Susman Woman of Prominence Award. Helene Susman was a widowed mother of two who became the first

woman from Texas admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. When she died in 1978, she left a legacy of a commitment to Judaism, a belief in the importance of contributing to the community, and the need for individuals to act responsibly and with integrity at all times.

Madeleine Appel has demonstrated her commitment to her profession, community, and family in such a manner as to distinguish herself as a role model for other women to follow.

Madeleine Appel presently serves as administration manager in the Comptroller's Office of the City of Houston. Her work experience with the City of Houston has included a number of positions: administrator/senior council aide, Mayor Pro-Tem Office; Houston City Council from 1996–1997; senior council aide, Houston City Council member Eleanor Tinsley 1980–1995; and administrator, Election Central, ICASA. She has also worked for Rice University.

She began her career as a journalist working as an assistant women's editor and reporter at the Corpus Christi Caller and Times. Additionally, she worked as the women's editor and assistant editor for the Insider's Newsletter and as a reporter for The Houston Chronicle where she won the "Headliners Award." She received her B.A. from Smith College in political science and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Madeleine Appel's community involvement includes Scenic America, League of Women Voters of Texas, Houston Achievement Place, Jewish Family Service, League of Women Voters of Houston, Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, Houston Architecture Foundation, American Jewish Committee, City of Houston Affirmative Action Committee, and Leadership Houston Class XII.

Madeleine Appel has been married for 36 years to Dr. Richard F. Appel and she is the proud mother of two sons and two daughters-in-law.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Madeleine Appel for her service to her community and to Houston. She is the best of public servants and an inspiration to others who want to engage in public service.

#### HONORING DANA WALSH FOR HER COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dana Walsh of Oceanside, New York for her outstanding fundraising efforts on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Miss Walsh is an eighth grade student at Oceanside Middle School where she proposed and coordinated a phone-a-thon which raised \$3,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She was inspired to fight for those who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis upon learning that the median survival age is only 29. She spent weeks organizing the evening event and in the end, tripled her original goal.

In light of the numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Miss Walsh are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

#### HONORING PAULINE GOLDMAN

#### HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Las Vegas' most outstanding seniors on the occasion of her 78th birthday. Ms. Pauline Goldmann and her husband Bill retired to southern Nevada in June 1978. Although Bill died in 1991, Pauline remains one of the most active and influential seniors in Las Vegas. Throughout her life, Pauline has been a tireless advocate for working Americans. Among their many accomplishments in the battle for workers' rights, Pauline and Bill's first fight succeeded in allowing auto workers the right to leave the assembly line to use the restroom. Believe it or not, this was an unprecedented victory for auto workers. Pauline also organized the United Auto Workers Retirees Council, which remains one of Las Vegas' most vibrant and active senior groups. In addition, Pauline was instrumental in organizing the Paradise Democratic Club and the National Council of Senior Citizens, and she was a founding member of Seniors United. With all of these commitments, Pauline still finds time to be an active member of the Nevada Senior Coalition, the Executive boards of the Nevada State Democratic Party, and the UCLA Genealogy Board. Pauline was also appointed by Governor Bob Miller to serve on the Silver Haired Legislative Forum. This group, comprised of seniors from all over the state, makes recommendations to the State Government regarding senior needs and services. Pauline has been recognized by the AFL-CIO for her political volunteerism, as well as being named the Outstanding Grass Roots Democrat of 1991 by the Paradise Democratic Club. Pauline was also honored as the Family Care Giver of the Year in 1991 and was appointed to the White House Conference on Aging in 1995 by U.S. Senator RICHARD BRYAN. At the age of 78, Pauline is one busy lady, attending meeting after meeting in Las Vegas. She is well-respected and sets the highest standards of civic participation. Time and again, Pauline has proven her dedication to working families and seniors. Southern Nevada has the fastest-growing seniors population in the country, so, to all the new seniors moving to Las Vegas, I would like to say one thing—you could not be luckier to have someone as devoted as Pauline working on your behalf. At this time, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding senior who sets the standard for civic virtue, not only in Las Vegas, Nevada but throughout our Nation.